



North Idaho

Medical Reserve Corps

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Hello from your new Unit Coordinator!

Just a little introduction - I have spoken or emailed with some of you in the course of the H1N1 effort, when Kerren Vollmer so graciously served as our temporary MRC Coordinator. When Kerren's assignment ended, I was asked to serve as the MRC Unit Coordinator, in addition to my duties as Administrative Assistant in the Panhandle Health District Office of Public Health Preparedness. I know I have some big shoes to fill, following the stellar performances of Kerren and Jessica, and I am confident that with your help and understanding, it will be a smooth transition.

I have a history of volunteerism at hospitals and my church, and look forward to a deeper involvement in the vital community volunteer effort of the Medical Reserve Corps.

I look forward to seeing you or meeting you at an upcoming orientation or training!

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H1N1 Vaccination Update

We thought you'd like to know the impact that our MRC volunteers had on Panhandle Health's vaccination program, so here is some H1N1 Trivia:

- Panhandle Health District hired 70 temporary employees to be the school vaccination teams
 - 20 of these temporary employees were MRC members!
- 11 MRC members volunteered to take phone calls, setting appointments for the October 24 POVs
- 40 MRC members volunteered at the December 12 POVs, in all 5 counties
 - The time-study done at the Hayden clinic showed that folks got in the door, vaccinated, and out the door in an average of 16 minutes ~ thanks to help from the MRC!
- The School Vaccination Teams put in over 12,000 total hours on the project
- Rented vehicles for the School Vaccination Teams were driven 12,672 miles
- 27,774 vaccinations were given as of 5 February 2010 in the 5 northern counties
- Over 20,000 doses of vaccine have been distributed to hospitals, pharmacies, and clinics

We are so grateful to all of our MRC members - both those who served and those who were willing to serve. Thankfully, the Pandemic was not as severe as predicted, but we knew if the need arose, that we could depend on your assistance to help keep North Idaho healthy. Thank You!

All of us at PHD were consumed with the H1N1 effort, but we are now excited to get back on track and have regular contact with our MRC Team.


***The MRC—Volunteers Building Strong,
Healthy & Prepared Communities***

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Coming Up:
New & Old Member Meetings and Orientations in
Kootenai County (May),
Boundary/Bonner Counties (June),
Shoshone/ Benewah Counties (July).
Dates will be announced as soon as they are finalized
and we hope to see you there!



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Since I'm new to the MRC, I look forward to learning and growing with you this year. Please call or email with any suggestions you may have with regard to the Medical Reserve Corps. This Corps is built on your willingness to volunteer and your input is important! There are a few ideas listed below for you to think over and comment on if you like, but please add any of your own ideas. Talk to you soon!

Regular County Meetings
Email Updates
Volunteer Appreciation Events
Brainstorming Sessions
New Training Topics/Materials
County Leadership Committees

Advance Notice!

April 6-7, 2010, ESAR-VHP Exercise

Volunteer Idaho has planned an exercise to test their screening and notification system. On April 6 and 7, they will select a volunteer "type" such as Nurse Practitioner, and send them an email inviting their participation in a simulated event. Those receiving the email will be directed to a website for more information and where they will be asked to accept or decline to participate. **PLEASE NOTE:** This will be for an exercise only, and **if** contacted, you will **not** be required to report for an actual event. Also, **only** those who have registered in Volunteer Idaho will potentially be called to participate in this exercise.

Volunteer Idaho is the registration website where MRC members are asked to sign up and provide specific details as to their volunteer preferences. If you haven't done so yet, please go to www.volunteeridaho.com and register. **Please call me** if you have any questions about this. Thanks!

Send all comments, questions, etc. to
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